



## ARIZONA SCHOOL REPORT CARD ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-07

1229 E. Cherry Street, Cottonwood, AZ 86326

Excel Education Centers Cottonwood, LLC

Arizona's report cards have been revised to include requirements in the federal No Child Left Behind Act, such as Adequate Yearly Progress and the disaggregation of student level data into required subgroups.

### AZ LEARNS<sup>1</sup>

#### High School Achievement Profile <sup>(a)</sup>

2005-06	Performing Plus
2004-05	Performing
2003-04	Performing

(a) For additional information, please refer to Achievement Profiles Page near end of document.

### School Overview

Principal/Administrator : Mr. Michael Gerdes  
 Schedule : 08:00 AM to 04:30 PM  
 Grades : 9-12  
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### Mission

We enable every student to become a productive member of the community and of the global, technology-rich society through individualized teaching of academics, work-readiness skills and creative expression.

### No Child Left Behind

#### Adequate Yearly Progress <sup>(b)</sup>

2005-06	Met
2004-05	Not Met
2003-04	Met

#### School Improvement Status <sup>(b)</sup>

2005-06	N/A
2004-05	N/A
2003-04	N/A

(b) For additional information, please refer to the AYP page in this report card.

### School / Academic Goals

- ü To continue to improve academic success and graduation rates.
- ü To implement additional applied and experiential courses to facilitate each student's transition to college or the work force.
- ü To enhance learning through an academic curriculum infused with the arts.
- ü To expand student access to coursework through online learning opportunities.

### Enrollment

October 1, 2005 School Year Student Enrollment : 77  
 Accepting New Students in 2005-06 Under Open Enrollment Law : <sup>2</sup> Yes  
 Number of Students Attending Under Open Enrollment in 2005-06 : 88

## Instructional Programs

- ü Career and Computer Technology Emphasis
- ü Art Integrated Curriculum
- ü Project-based English and Math Courses
- ü Excel Everywhere Distance Learning
- ü Service Learning
- ü Independent Studies
- ü On-site Special Education

## Calendar Information

Number of Instruction Days :	180
Average Daily Instruction Time :	6 hours 25 minutes
First Day of School :	8/14/2005
Last Day of School :	6/3/2006

## Shared Responsibilities

### School

Excel is dedicated to providing a safe and positive learning environment. We provide clear behavioral expectations and focus on mutual respect between staff and students. Excel provides standards aligned project-based and computer-assisted learning.

### Parents

Excel expects our parents to encourage and nurture their students' educational, physical and emotional growth. Parents are a vital part of Excel. They participate in Site Councils, extracurricular activities, fund raising and volunteer projects.

## Transportation Policy

Transportation to and from school is the responsibility of the student and/or parent.

## School Honors

### Awards or Special Recognition Received By the School, Staff or Students

Award/Honor	Year
ü North Central Association Accreditation	1995
ü Academic Excellence Presidential Awards	2005
ü University Scholarship Award	2005
ü Commission on International Accreditation	2006

Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) Results 2005-06 <sup>3</sup>

## 10th Grade

Mathematics	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	22	22	71130	96	96	95	670	670	701	50	50	23	18	18	13	32	32	51	NA	NA	14
All Students (Prior Year)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Female	11	11	35465	100	100	96	675	675	702	45	45	21	18	18	13	36	36	53	NA	NA	13
Male	11	11	35648	92	92	94	666	666	701	55	55	24	18	18	12	27	27	50	NA	NA	14
African American	--	--	3868	--	--	95	--	--	686	--	--	33	--	--	17	--	--	45	--	--	6
Hispanic	13	13	25103	93	93	95	667	667	685	46	46	34	23	23	16	31	31	45	NA	NA	5
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1805	--	--	98	--	--	731	--	--	9	--	--	7	--	--	50	--	--	34
American Indian/Alaskan Native	--	--	4241	--	--	90	--	--	679	--	--	39	--	--	19	--	--	39	--	--	3
White	NC	NC	36075	NC	NC	95	NC	NC	715	NC	NC	12	NC	NC	9	NC	NC	58	NC	NC	21
Students with Disabilities	NC	NC	5862	NC	NC	71	NC	NC	658	NC	NC	63	NC	NC	15	NC	NC	20	NC	NC	2
Students without Disabilities	21	21	65268	95	95	98	671	671	705	48	48	19	19	19	12	33	33	54	NA	NA	15
Limited English Proficient Students	NC	NC	4859	NC	NC	93	NC	NC	662	NC	NC	64	NC	NC	15	NC	NC	20	NC	NC	1
Migrant Students	--	--	786	--	--	95	--	--	681	--	--	38	--	--	18	--	--	41	--	--	4
Economically Disadvantaged	NC	NC	22957	NC	NC	93	NC	NC	685	NC	NC	34	NC	NC	17	NC	NC	44	NC	NC	5
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	17	17	48173	89	89	96	672	672	709	47	47	17	24	24	11	29	29	55	NA	NA	18

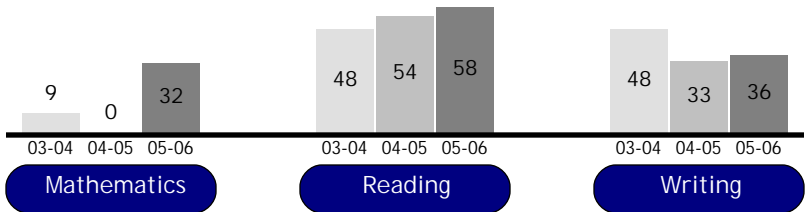
Reading	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	26	26	73018	100	100	97	675	675	703	15	15	6	27	27	23	54	54	64	4	4	8
All Students (Prior Year)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Female	15	15	36181	100	100	97	684	684	708	7	7	4	27	27	21	60	60	65	7	7	9
Male	11	11	36816	100	100	96	662	662	699	27	27	7	27	27	24	45	45	62	NA	NA	7
African American	--	--	3976	--	--	96	--	--	689	--	--	8	--	--	29	--	--	59	--	--	3
Hispanic	17	17	25801	100	100	96	672	672	683	18	18	10	29	29	34	47	47	53	6	6	3
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1812	--	--	98	--	--	722	--	--	3	--	--	15	--	--	66	--	--	16
American Indian/Alaskan Native	--	--	4389	--	--	93	--	--	675	--	--	9	--	--	42	--	--	47	--	--	1
White	NC	NC	37024	NC	NC	97	NC	NC	721	NC	NC	2	NC	NC	12	NC	NC	73	NC	NC	13
Students with Disabilities	NC	NC	7170	NC	NC	85	NC	NC	654	NC	NC	23	NC	NC	47	NC	NC	29	NC	NC	1
Students without Disabilities	25	25	65848	100	100	98	676	676	708	16	16	4	24	24	20	56	56	67	4	4	9
Limited English Proficient Students	NC	NC	5099	NC	NC	95	NC	NC	641	NC	NC	29	NC	NC	59	NC	NC	12	NC	NC	0
Migrant Students	--	--	817	--	--	96	--	--	667	--	--	15	--	--	44	--	--	39	--	--	1
Economically Disadvantaged	NC	NC	23912	NC	NC	94	NC	NC	681	NC	NC	10	NC	NC	36	NC	NC	52	NC	NC	2
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	20	20	49106	95	95	98	677	677	714	20	20	4	20	20	16	55	55	69	5	5	11

Writing	# Tested			% Tested			MSS			% FFB			% A			% Met			% Exceeded		
	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ	S	D	AZ
All Students	25	25	72810	100	100	96	642	642	685	24	24	6	40	40	30	36	36	58	NA	NA	6
All Students (Prior Year)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Female	14	14	36111	100	100	97	683	683	695	NA	NA	4	43	43	23	57	57	65	NA	NA	8
Male	11	11	36678	100	100	95	590	590	674	55	55	9	36	36	36	9	9	52	NA	NA	3
African American	--	--	3962	--	--	96	--	--	675	--	--	8	--	--	33	--	--	55	--	--	3
Hispanic	17	17	25735	100	100	96	643	643	669	24	24	10	35	35	41	41	41	48	NA	NA	2
Asian/Pacific Islander	--	--	1809	--	--	97	--	--	704	--	--	4	--	--	19	--	--	65	--	--	13
American Indian/Alaskan Native	--	--	4370	--	--	92	--	--	670	--	--	9	--	--	39	--	--	50	--	--	2
White	NC	NC	36915	NC	NC	97	NC	NC	697	NC	NC	3	NC	NC	21	NC	NC	67	NC	NC	8
Students with Disabilities	NC	NC	7071	NC	NC	84	NC	NC	634	NC	NC	24	NC	NC	53	NC	NC	21	NC	NC	1
Students without Disabilities	24	24	65739	100	100	98	641	641	689	25	25	4	38	38	27	38	38	62	NA	NA	6
Limited English Proficient Students	NC	NC	5046	NC	NC	94	NC	NC	621	NC	NC	31	NC	NC	56	NC	NC	12	NC	NC	0
Migrant Students	--	--	812	--	--	96	--	--	654	--	--	15	--	--	51	--	--	34	--	--	0
Economically Disadvantaged	NC	NC	23814	NC	NC	94	NC	NC	667	NC	NC	10	NC	NC	41	NC	NC	47	NC	NC	2
Non-Economically Disadvantaged	19	19	48996	90	90	97	637	637	693	26	26	4	37	37	24	37	37	64	NA	NA	7

NC = Not Calculated (less than 10 students) Dashes (--) = No Data Available NA = Not Applicable S = School D = District

Recent Trends in Student Proficiency on the State Standards (AIMS Test)

10th Grade Proficiency



The graph includes the percentage of students that met or exceeded the standards. NC = Not Calculated. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten (10) students have been replaced with NC.

The table below shows the schools that met or did not meet based on federal AYP requirements. To meet AYP for the year, all applicable goals must be met.

AYP Determination	Met Percent Tested?	Y
	Met Test Objectives?	Y
	Met Attendance Rate?	NA
	Met Graduation Rate?	Y
	Made AYP?	Yes

#### Glossary:

##### Adequate Yearly Progress

A measure of school performance as mandated by the federal government in the No Child Left Behind. AYP holds schools accountable for the performance of subgroups, as well as all students. AYP measures school toward the goal of having 100 percent of all students proficient in state standards for reading and math by 2013-14.

##### Met Percent Tested:

The school or district tested at least ninety-five percent (95%) of its students enrolled at the time of the test administration. Schools and districts must test at least 95 percent of their student in order to make AYP.

##### Met Test Objectives:

The percentage of students in the school or district that demonstrate proficiency in state standards by passing the AIMS test meets or exceeds the goal for that year. No Child Left Behind requires that Arizona set goals, called Annual Measurable Objectives, for the percentage of students passing AIMS for all public schools and districts in the state. The goals increase over time toward 100 percent passing by 2014. To meet the test objectives, every subgroup in the school must meet the Annual Measurable Objective.

##### Met Attendance Rate:

The school or district had an attendance rate of at least 90 percent over the first 100 days of the academic year. Schools and districts not serving high school students must have an attendance rate of 90 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

##### Met Graduation Rate:

The school or district had a four-year graduation rate of 71 percent or greater. School or districts granting a high school diploma must have a graduation rate of 71 percent, or show a one-percentage-point improvement over the previous year, in order to make AYP.

## Achievement Test Results

## Stanford 9 and TerraNova/AIMS DPA

Grade	Content Area	2003-2004 (SAT9)				2004-2005 (TerraNova)				2005-2006 (TerraNova)			
		%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ	%	Score	D	AZ
9	Reading	94	30	NA	42	83	9	9	51	65	52	52	52
	Language	94	24	24	42	83	8	8	50	65	52	52	50
	Mathematics	94	37	37	63	83	24	24	50	65	56	56	50

Starting in Spring 2004-05, students were tested using AIMS DPA and TerraNova. AIMS DPA is a statewide assessment that is both standards-based, measuring student's knowledge against the Arizona Academic Standards, and norm-referenced, comparing student knowledge against students nationwide. TerraNova was administered to all students in grades 2 and 9. It is important to note the TerraNova/AIMS DPA and Stanford 9 test results are not comparable. For more information on the TerraNova and AIMS DPA, see our website at [www.ade.az.gov/standards/](http://www.ade.az.gov/standards/)

The Stanford 9 is a standardized, norm-referenced test. Since 1999, all students in grades 2 through 9 have been tested in Reading, Mathematics and Language. The percentage (%) of eligible students tested and the school's percentile ranks are listed above. State average percentile ranks for Arizona and District are provided for comparison. Note that the average percentile ranks for the nation are 50 for all content areas in all grades. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten students have been replaced with NC (not calculated) to protect student privacy. Some columns contain dashes (-) to indicate "no data available."

## School Site Council

## Council Composition

- 1 School Administrator(s)
- 1 Non-certified Employee(s)
- 1 Teacher(s)
- 5 Parent(s)
- 1 Community Member(s)
- 1 Student(s)

## Council Duties

- Ü School Planning and Goal Setting
- Ü Extracurricular Activities
- Ü Parent/Educator Relations
- Ü School Improvement Strategies
- Ü School Safety Issues

## Staffing Information for School Year 2005-06

Position	Number	Position	Number
Administrator	.50	Teacher	3.00
Other Professional Staff	.00	Teacher Aide	.00

## Years of Teaching Experience for School Year 2005-06

Experience	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate	Other
3 or fewer years	1	0	0	0
4 to 6 years	1	1	0	0
7 to 9 years	0	0	0	0
10 or more years	0	0	0	0

## Highly Qualified (NCLB) School Year 2004-05

Core academic classes taught by Highly Qualified (NCLB) teachers.	2
Teachers with Emergency Certification.	0
Percent of teachers in the school with Emergency/Provisional Certification	0%
Percent of core classes not taught by Highly Qualified Teachers	0%

## Resources Available at School Site

## Special Facilities

- Ü Computer Lab in Each Classroom
- Ü Multimedia I-MAC Arts Lab
- Ü Accelerated Reader Library

## Extracurricular Activities

- Ü Student Government
- Ü Campus-wide Service Learning Projects
- Ü Academic and Arts Enrichment Field Trips

## Social Services

- Ü Service Learning
- Ü Crisis Intervention
- Ü Campus Awareness Project for Excel
- Ü Counseling Services

Indicators of Success Based on Historical Data from 2005-06

School Achievements/Accomplishments 2005-06

- ü Excel implemented an educational technology grant, successfully integrating technology into all areas of student studies.
- ü Excel continued to improve student academic success through implementation of school achievement goals, improved curriculum alignment, enhanced instructional practices, and expanded professional development opportunities.
- ü Excel implemented a comprehensive school reform arts grant to support our efforts to integrate visual and media arts
- ü Excel successfully launched an online learning program, Excel Everywhere, providing students with access to coursework from home.

Student Activity Rates for School Year 2005-06

		Arizona		
		% K-6/UE	% 7-8	% 9-12/US
Attendance Rate <sup>4</sup>	83	95	94	95
Promotion Rate <sup>5</sup>	28	89	88	73
Graduation Rate <sup>6</sup>	38	NA	NA	81

NA = Graduation rate does not apply to K-8.

K-6/UE - Kindergarten to Grade 6 including Ungraded Elementary (UE).

9-12/US - 9th grade to 12th grade including Ungraded Secondary (US).

## School Safety

### School-level Efforts to Ensure a Safe and Healthy Learning Environment

As part of our Safe School Policy, we have been working to enhance security. Administrators work cooperatively with local police and fire departments. In addition, evacuation and emergency procedures are conducted on a regular basis.

Total number of incidents that occurred on the school grounds for school year 2005-06 that required the intervention of local, state or federal law enforcement (A.R.S.15-746.6) :

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The Arizona Attorney General's Office has a hotline that allows students to report suspicious activities at schools and to get help with potentially violent situations, such as bullying, harassment, hate crimes, discrimination and gangs. The toll-free number, 1-877-900-1086, is anonymous and available 24 hours a day.

The Arizona Department of Education does not audit the information submitted by each school.

## Contacts

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Student Health/Nurse	Michael Gerdes	(928) 634-2065

The Arizona School Report Card was prepared by the Arizona Department of Education using a standardized format to combine information provided by the local school with data compiled from state records. Each school has special strengths and needs, and all schools benefit from the active involvement of parents in their children's education. If you have questions about the report card or need more information, contact the school office. Arizona School Report Cards can be found for all schools at [www.ade.az.gov/srcs](http://www.ade.az.gov/srcs) on the Internet. "The Arizona Department of Education of the State of Arizona does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs, activities or in its hiring and employment practices. If you have questions or grievances related to this policy, please contact the Administrative Services DAS at (602) 542-3186."

## ACHIEVEMENT PROFILES

Arizona's Achievement Profiles capture the performance level of every school.

### DEFINITIONS:

Failing to Meet the Academic Standards - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

School performance has been designated as Underperforming for three consecutive years and a site review determined that the designation of Failing to Meet the Academic Standards was warranted.

Underperforming - needs to meet state performance and state progress goals.

Performing - meets state performance goals.

Performing Plus - above state performance goals, however the number of students exceeding the standard on the AIMS test is not sufficient to earn a highly performing or excelling label.

Highly Performing - above state performance goals or has demonstrated adequate improvement, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

Excelling - significantly above state performance goals, in addition a significant number of students have exceeded the standard on the AIMS test.

## TITLE I TERMS

### Title I School Improvement Year 1

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

### Title I School Improvement Year 2

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for three consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts.

### Title I School Improvement Year 3 or Corrective Action

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for four consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must choose and implement at least one of six corrective actions. See Section 1116(b)(7) of NCLB for a list of the corrective action options.

### Title I School Improvement Year 4 or Restructuring (Planning Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for five consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

### Title I School Improvement Year 5 or Restructuring (Implementation Phase)

A Title I school that has not made adequate yearly progress (AYP) for six consecutive years. Upon identification, the school must: notify parents/legal guardians of the school status; develop and implement a School Improvement Plan within 90 days of the identification; set aside 10% of the schools Title I funds for professional development for teachers and the principal; the district must offer parents the option of transfer and offer supplemental educational services to eligible students, and offer support to the school in its school improvement efforts. In addition, the school must prepare a restructuring plan and make necessary arrangements to carry out one of three restructuring activities. See Section 1116(b)(8) of NCLB for a list of the restructuring activities.

Footnotes

1 For an explanation of the Achievement Profiles, please visit our website at [www.ade.az.gov/azlearns](http://www.ade.az.gov/azlearns).

2 Under ARS 15-816, school district governing boards must implement open enrollment programs and establish policies covering admission criteria, application procedures and transportation provisions. For more information, contact the school district office.

3 Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) includes the reading, writing and mathematics subject areas. The proficiency levels include: Falls Far Below (FFB) the standard, Approaches (A) the standard, Meets or Met (M) the standard and Exceeds (E) the standard. MSS = Mean Scaled Score. The federal law, No Child Left Behind, requires disaggregation in subgroups and ethnicity. NC= Not Calculated. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), no individually identifiable references to students may be made. Therefore, items of data containing information about fewer than ten (10) students have been replaced with NC. For more information on testing and Arizona Academic Standards go to <http://www.ade.az.gov/AIMS/default.asp>

4 Attendance Rate: Percentage of students attending the first 100 days of the academic year.

5 Promotion Rate: Percentage of students promoted to the next grade or who met graduation requirements and received a traditional diploma at the end of the 2004-05 school year. Percentage includes students who left school at age 22 or who had completed school and received a non-traditional diploma.

6 Graduation Rate: The graduation rate presented here is a 5 year cohort rate for the class of 2004. For more information on the Graduation Rate Study published by the ADE, please see our website at [www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/grad](http://www.ade.az.gov/researchpolicy/grad).

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